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Out of step with Jim

I'd like to write in support of ASUO professional candidate Jim Dowhower's campaign statements. It's so rare that we find a candidate with so firm a grasp on reality. Just because President Boyd says "there will never be an EMU tavern while I'm president," doesn't stop candidate Jim Dowhower. He seems sure he can convince Boyd to allow the ASUO to build a brewery and even a winery! But then, we're all out of step but Jim.

He proposes creating student cooperatives as a means of funding this university. How bold! And he isn't even daunted by the fact that our one student operated cooperative, The Food-Op, has been a financial disaster for years. But then, we're all out of step but Jim. He suggests that the student wages (good luck!) from these cooperatives could be paid in credits, which could then be used to purchase items from the EMU, the bookstore, and the Food-Op. I have to admire his total disregard of economics and law. Surely Jim will keep the IRS from throwing us all in jail for tax evasion. No matter, we're all out of step but Jim.

His one trip to Salem during the last legislative session must have given him a vast storehouse of legislative knowledge and skill. I see no reason why he won't be able to single-handedly change the entire structure of higher education and its financing. Instability and incompetence wouldn't be all that bad. After all, we're all out of step but Jim.

And what's wrong with having professors helping to run cooperatives rather than teaching? What's wrong with having inexperienced students like ourselves running major construction cooperatives into the ground? What's wrong with violating the university's non-profit status and thus losing most of its funds as well as forcing the university to pay taxes? What's wrong with hunting for a comatose University president who would allow these threats to my education to be enacted? After all, we're all out of step but Jim.

I also must admire Jim's dedication to his campaign, carrying little and occasionally no credit hours over the past year so that he could devote time to his campaign. An obsession like this surely must be healthy. And what about his experience in student government? Virtually none! Rather than seeing and learning close-up from the mistakes that came before Jim, Jim can make the same mistakes himself! It may sound bad, but then, we're all out of step but Jim.

It may seem that the best candidate for ASUO President would be a person with extensive background in legislative affairs, in programs, program financing and university governance; a person who understands the realities of the office, but who also is willing to raise some hell and exert some political pressure for important and realistic issues of concern to students. The next ASUO president should be a person with realistic ideas for improving the quality of education offered at this University. Granted, this description of the best candidate doesn't fit candidate Jim Dowhower. But then, we're all out of step but Jim.

David Tyler
Member, Incidental Fee
Committee
Junior, Business

Blacklist?

I was greatly distressed by the comments made by Mike Lockwood (Emerald, April 28) to the effect that as ASUO president he would consider a possible "blacklist" of the "worst ten percent" of teaching faculty on campus.

This is an irresponsible and unfortunate statement, revealing Lockwood's apparent antagonism toward the faculty. It is significant that Lockwood's orientation toward faculty evaluation is negative and punitive in nature — he recommends "polling students on instructors they are dissatisfied with." Why not commend those instructors who do an excellent job of teaching?

As I look back on my years at Oregon, I reflect that the good teachers I have had have far outnumbered the mediocre or poor teachers. The English department has been particularly outstanding in this regard. I have managed to get good classes, not because I asked about the worst teachers, but because I have sought to find out who are the best. To make faculty evaluation by students effective and valuable, we should seek to identify and commend good teaching.

As a member of the ASUO executive this year, I have worked on various proposals for release of student evaluations of teaching faculty. Establishing an adversary relationship with the faculty by sponsoring and circulating an "underground blacklist" was not among the proposals considered because, frankly, it is a stupid idea.

If Lockwood had been serious about improving the quality of teaching, he would have done more as an SUAB member than watch the faculty Senate deny proposals for release of student evaluations. I twice visited SUAB meetings this year to ask for help in contacting faculty members with compromise proposals to address this problem. I received no help from Mike Lockwood. I can only conclude that either Lockwood does not understand this issue, or simply does not care about teaching quality beyond using the term as rhetoric to further his political ambitions.

John Barlow
ASUO Administrative Assistant
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For Jeff Warren

ASUO elections are here again and we are faced with five presidential candidates. All have been active, to varying degrees, in our student association. All offer solu-

tions and proposals; each has his own style. I support Jeff Warren.

I have known and worked with Jeff for nearly three years. He is sincere and committed to fair representation of all student concerns.

Jeff has worked with the SUAB, representing students in the University Senate. He has gained valuable budgetary experience through his service on the IFC this year. Jeff has worked with the Oregon Student Lobby and is committed to a strong legislative program.

Jeff Warren is concerned about the problems we face at the university and in the community. Jeff has a lot of energy and ability and, because of his great commitment, I know he will be an effective representative.

I urge all students to vote this week and next in the ASUO elections. Please vote for Jeff Warren and give your next president broad-based and credible support!

Keli M. Osborn
Senior, Journalism

For Mike Haddock

Mike Haddock (current Sophomore Class President) a candidate for SUAB position No. 12 (Psychology, Anthropology, Sociology), possesses the qualities of leadership, enthusiasm, and energy that it takes to be a capable and effective representative on the Student University Affairs Board. I urge you to go to the polls and vote for Mike Haddock for SUAB Position No. 12.

Amy Tobias
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Jimmy Beer?

It really must be Spring since otherwise sincere and well meaning people are making foolish and farfetched promises. I'm referring to what Jim Dowhower, candidate for ASUO President, proposes as "Revenue Generation": an ASUO Brewery. At the same time that University departments are not filling faculty vacancies because of declining enrollment, Dowhower suggests that the ASUO commit State funds to the manufacture and sale of Oregon's own version of Billy Beer; Jimmy Beer.

With various University buildings in an advanced state of decay; with budget deficits, cutbacks, tuition hikes, over-crowded classrooms and senile professors, the elected representative of student interests (if elected) would

spend his term of office trying to implement a proposal which flies in the face of University and State Board policy, and State and Federal law. Gorgeous.

There are real issues that the ASUO should be dealing with, especially when the legislature meets next year. Jimmy Beer is not one of them. I'm sure the graphics on Jim Dowhower's posters took a lot of thought to design. Students should exercise some thought and vote for an ASUO President who will react to more than carbonation, but will work hard to make course evaluations public, tuition not prohibitive, parking less masochistic and the ASUO more people oriented.

Eric Nordling
Graduate Student, Finance

For Mike Lockwood

Do you (and I'm talking to all of you students out there) really know where your part of tuition goes once it gets into the hands of the IFC? Well, most of it goes to all the student programs and organizations. A small part goes to the ASUO executive. Now you all can ask what I usually question. Exactly what does this executive do for their monies worth?

To find out this answer, in deciding who to vote for, take note of Mike Lockwood's standing on the current issues. For example, his ideas concerning the school funding of academic student unions, as well as other IFC programs, which will allow the IFC to spend its time and our money elsewhere. You'll see that what he's aiming to do will not waste your money. The ASUO President is supposed to represent the student body, and I'm talking to you. So be at the polls and vote for Mike Lockwood — ASUO President.

Michelle Young
ESCAPE Coordinator

Astonished

I have become more and more astonished by the attributes given me each day in the Emerald. Apparently, I am a subversive radical and I have little experience with the ASUO. From my point of view, my words have been distorted, tentative ideas have become my platform while my real platform has been ignored. I feel that the Emerald has used me to try and make the elections more "interesting."

I do not blame the Emerald for wanting sensation stories. I do blame the Emerald for the effect it will have on my campaign. There are no means available to me that

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can repair the damage already done. Even this letter will not be read by as many people as the Emerald has reached.

For those still interested in what I really stand for, I am trying to promote the following: a change in the Incidental Fee Committee; more academic student unions; the release of course evaluations (if passed by the faculty assembly), or some alternative method of evaluating — not judging — professors; a resolution to the parking problem; and an ASUO executive that communicates, cooperates, but that is not afraid to directly advocate a more student-oriented University. If you want to ask me more questions, please give me a call. I plan to make myself very available in the next three days, so I can get the facts completely straight.

Mike Lockwood
ASUO Pres. Candidate
Junior, Economics

For Herrera

So here it is time for another thrill-packed ASUO election. Another ho-hum choice between Dum and Dee, right? Well, not exactly. All of the hopefuls in the Presidential race are not the same. Ramon Herrera's candidacy gives those of us who often aren't represented by ASUO officials a chance to be heard. Although Ramon has only been on campus since September, he has already demonstrated his administrative talent as director of the Chicano Student Union (MEChA). He has experience in working with the state legislature which, coupled with his dynamic personality, would make him a valuable lobbyist for our interests.

But this letter is not meant to be a diatribe extolling Ramon's virtues. Its main purpose is simply to tell students that there really is a choice to be made in this year's election and that if they don't make that choice, it will be made for them by people voting for Dum or Dee. So pick up one of Ramon's leaflets in the EMU. Read his views and qualifications for yourself. And then take a few minutes on Wednesday or Thursday to vote for Herrera for ASUO president.

Liz Bose
Senior, Political Science/
Journalism

For Jeff Warren

As the director of the Survival Center, I have had frequent occasion to peruse the role and responsibilities of the ASUO president, along with equally frequent encounters with the I.F.C. I strongly endorse Jeff Warren for ASUO president.

As an IFC member, Jeff has dealt with the Survival Center in an equitable and responsible manner. I believe Jeff has been able to develop a working knowledge of the majority of ASUO programs, which is essential to an effective ASUO president.

Jeff's knowledge of the political and legislative process will be especially important during the '79 Oregon Legislative Session. Advocacy for University student interests requires the in-depth political experience Jeff has accrued through past political workings.

I urge you to support Jeff Warren for ASUO president. His knowledge of the political process, in-depth knowledge of the University and ASUO programs, realistic yet far-reaching goals are excellent unequalled qualities for the job.

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